

IN THE CLAIMS

1-12. Canceled.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer system for passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, said computer system comprising:

a plurality of computers;

a storage means for storing a first business definition including an exit node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of said plurality of computers, and a second business definition including an entrance node, said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

an information generation means for generating coalition information providing correspondence between said exit node of said first business definition, and said entrance node of said second business definition; and

a passing control means for passing said data from said exit node of said first business definition, to said entrance node of said second business definition, based upon said coalition information, so that said data is passed

through a route including said first route and said second route.

14. (Previously Amended) A computer system according to claim 13, wherein each of said first business definition and said second business definition is stored in the respective storage means of different computers.

15. (Previously Amended) A computer system according to claim 13, further comprising:

an allocating means for allocating said first business definition and said second business definition to different computers.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer system for passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, said computer system comprising:

a plurality of computers;

a storage means for storing a first business definition including a call node and a return node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of said plurality of computers, and a second business definition including an

entrance node and an exit node, said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

a coalition information generation means for generating correspondence between said call node of said first business definition, and said entrance node of said second business definition, and for generating correspondence between said exit node of said second business definition, and said return node of said first business definition; and

a passing control means for passing said data from said call node of said first business definition, to said entrance node of said second business definition, and for receiving said data at said return node of said first business definition, from said exit node of said second business definition, based upon said coalition information, so that said data is passed through a route including said first route and said second route.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 16, further comprising:

a display device controlled by ~~said a~~ computer, for displaying ~~said a~~ business definition defining ~~said a~~ route of passing data, and said display device displaying said call

node in a display mode different from display modes of other nodes.

18. (Previously Amended) A computer system according to claim 16, wherein said call node and said return node are different nodes.

19. (Previously Amended) A computer system according to claim 16, wherein each of said first business definition and said second business definition is stored in the respective storage means of different computers.

20. (Previously Amended) A computer system according to claim 16, further comprising:

an allocating means for allocating said first business definition and said second business definition to different computers.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer system for passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, said computer system comprising:

a plurality of computers;

a storage means for storing a first business definition including a call node and a return node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of said plurality of computers, and a second business definition including an entrance node and an exit node, said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers; and

an interface information passing means for passing interface information relating to said call node and said return node of said first business definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers having a storage means storing said second business definition including said entrance node and said exit node, so that said data is passed through a route including said first route and said second route.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, by use of a computer system, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a first business definition including an exit node, and a second business definition including an

entrance node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

generating coalition information providing correspondence between said exit node of said first business definition, and said entrance node of said second business definition; and

passing said data from said exit node of said first business definition, to said entrance node of said second business definition, based upon said coalition information, so that said data is passed according to a route including said first route and said second route.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, by use of a computer system, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a first business definition including a call node and a return node, and a second business definition including an entrance node and an exit node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and

being defined in at least a first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

generating a coalition information for providing a correspondence between said call node of said first business definition, and said entrance node of said second business definition, and for ~~giving~~ providing correspondence between said exit node of said second business definition, and said return node of said first business definition; and

passing said data from said call node of said first business definition, to said entrance node of said second business definition, and ~~for~~ receiving said data at said return node of said first business definition, from said exit node of said second business definition, based upon the coalition information, so that said data is passed according to a route including said first route and said second route.

24. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 23, further comprising:

a step performed by a display device controlled by said computer system, of displaying said business definition defining said route of passing data, and displaying said call

node in a display mode different from display modes of other nodes.

25. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 23, wherein said call node and said return node are different nodes.

26. (Previously Amended) A method for passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, by use of a computer system, said method comprising the steps of:

storing a first business definition including a call node and a return node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and a second business definition including an entrance node and an exit node, said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers; and

passing interface information relating to said call node and said return node of said first business definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers having a storage means for storing said second business definition including said entrance node and said exit node, so that said



data is passed according to a route including said first route and said second route.

27. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a computer system passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, having a computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising:

a process of storing a first business definition including an exit node, and a second business definition including an entrance node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

a process of generating coalition information providing correspondence between said exit node of said first business definition, and said entrance node of said second business definition; and

a process of passing said data from said exit node of said first business definition, to said entrance node of said second business definition, based upon said coalition

information, to pass said data through a route including said first route and said second route.

28. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a computer system passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing data, having a computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising:

a process of storing a first business definition including a call node and a return node, and a second business definition including an entrance node and an exit node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers;

a process of generating a coalition information for providing a correspondence between said call node of said first business definition, and said entrance node of said second business definition, and for providing correspondence between said exit node of said second business definition, and said return node of said first business definition; and

a process of passing said data from said call node of said first business definition, to said entrance node of said second business definition, and for receiving said data at said return node of said first business definition, from said exit node of said second business definition, based upon the coalition information, to pass said data through a route including said first route and said second route.

29. (Currently Amended) A program product according to claim 28, further comprising:

a process performed by a display device controlled by said computer, of displaying ~~said~~ a business definition defining said route of passing data, and displaying said call node in a display mode different from display modes of other nodes.

30. (Previously Presented) A program product according to claim 28, wherein said call node and said return node are different nodes.

31. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a computer system passing data from a node to another node, based upon a business definition defining a route of passing

data, having a computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising:

a process of storing a first business definition including a call node and a return node, said first business definition defining a first route of passing data and being defined in at least a first one of a plurality of computers in said computer system, and a second business definition including an entrance node and an exit node, said second business definition defining a second route of passing data and being defined in at least a second one of said plurality of computers; and

a process of passing interface information relating to said call node and said return node of said first business definition, to said second one of said plurality of computers having a storage means storing said second business definition including said entrance node and said exit node to pass said data through a route including said first route and said second route.